

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Action mailed on October 19, 2005. In that Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 25 through 30, 34, 35, and 37 were rejected, and these rejections were made final. Claims 3, 6 through 9, 12 through 14, 16, 17, 20, 22 through 24, 31 through 33 and 36 were objected to as depending or ultimately depending on rejected claims but which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 6 through 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 through 34 and 36, and have canceled claim 3. Three new claims 38 through 40 have also been added.

The applicants have removed the last amendatory addition to claim 1 provided by the applicants' last filed amendment, and have incorporated the primary contents of now canceled claim 3 into claim 1 by the present amendment to place it in the form indicated by the Examiner to be allowable in the Action preceding the present one being responded to hereby. Presumably, this amending will thereby render claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon in the present application allowable.

The applicants have also removed the last amendatory addition to claim 18 provided by the applicants' last filed amendment. They have further amended that claim to require the transfer system input and output conductors, continuing to recite having nothing connected to the ends thereof not coupled to the amplifier, to now also have no ones of paired coupled conductors of a different length therefrom positioned between it and the amplifier. In addition, these transfer system input and output conductors also required to have a length equal to a quarter of the wavelength associated with an oscillation signal occurring in the system. This is clearly not the situation in the Rauscher reference oscillator in view of its having transmission line elements therein connected to its amplifier that are a half wavelength in length.

In addition, the applicants have amended claims 4, 6 through 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 24, 27, 29 through 34 and 36 to clarify some of them, to correct inadvertent errors in some of them, and

to more fully claim the present invention, the latter purpose also being furthered by the addition of new claims 38 through 40.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the claims as amended, and further request that the Examiner now allow the claims as amended.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0982.

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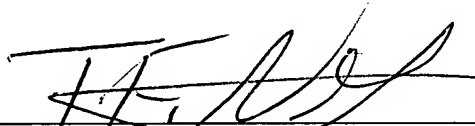
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